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Applicant: WESLEY WILKINSON

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Title: CONTROL WHEEL ASSEMBLY FOR TROLLEYS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Christine BRAY, hereby declare that:

1. I am a citizen of Australia.
2. I am an employee of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
3. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia sought to purchase trolleys that were suitable for the movement of bulk coin within branch networks. The Bank's performance requirements included:
 - a. Steering forces that should be zero to start and greater than 20 N during movement with a 100 kilogram load;
 - b. Steering forces that must be zero when travelling in a straight line and across slopes;
 - c. A minimum design load capacity of 500 kilograms;
 - d. Castors designed to operate on carpeted floor surface;
 - e. Handle design that improves optimum posture for pushing; and
 - f. A trolley base no greater than 900x 570 mm.
4. The ERGO-SLED® designed by Trolley Solutions International by Wesley Wilkinson was the only trolley capable of meeting the Bank's requirements.
5. The ERGO-SLED®'s fifth wheel concept having a gas strut allows the trolley to be easily pushed and steered simultaneously, particularly within the space limitations of each bank branch.

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6. As a result of the superior performance of the ERGO-SLED®, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia has ordered approximately 450 trolleys, thereby replacing previously used trolleys. Moreover, these trolleys have been accepted as the national standard for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and have exhibited zero incidents of injury after implementation.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 29th December 2000 *Christine Bray*
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